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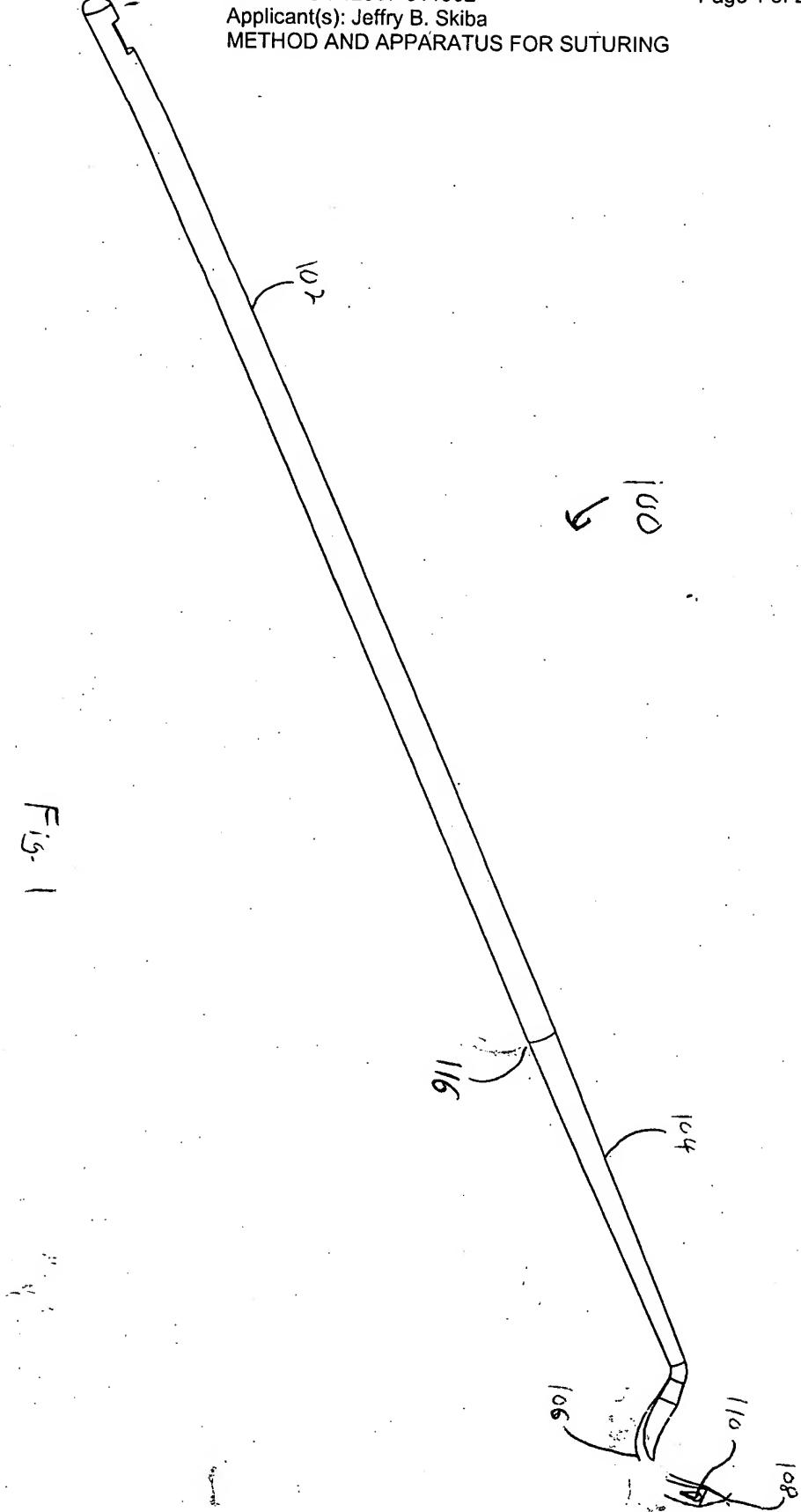
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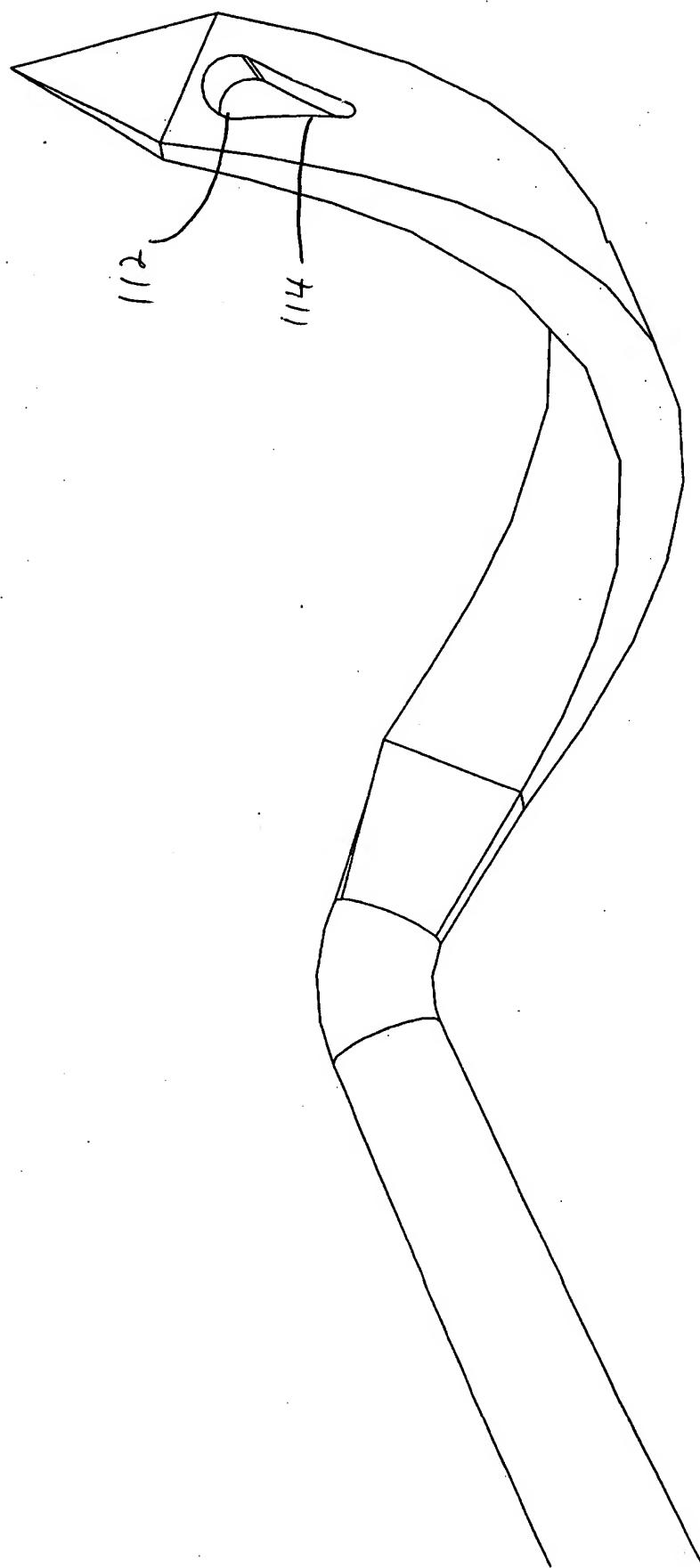


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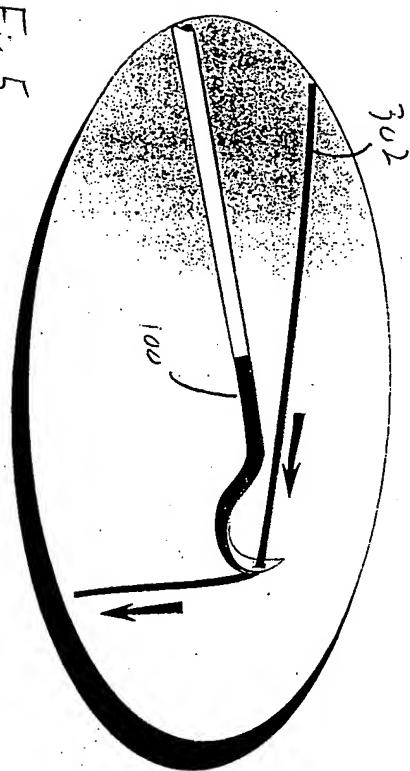


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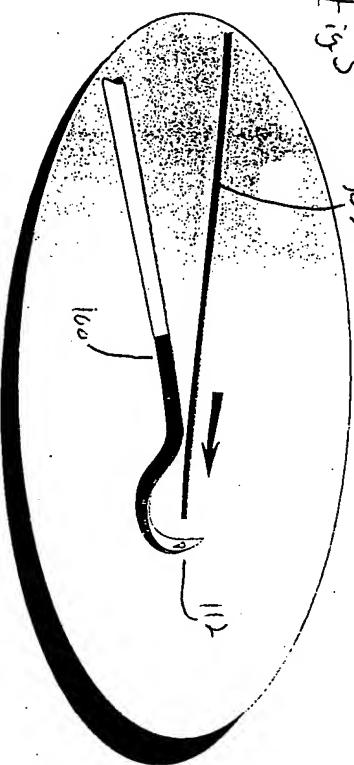


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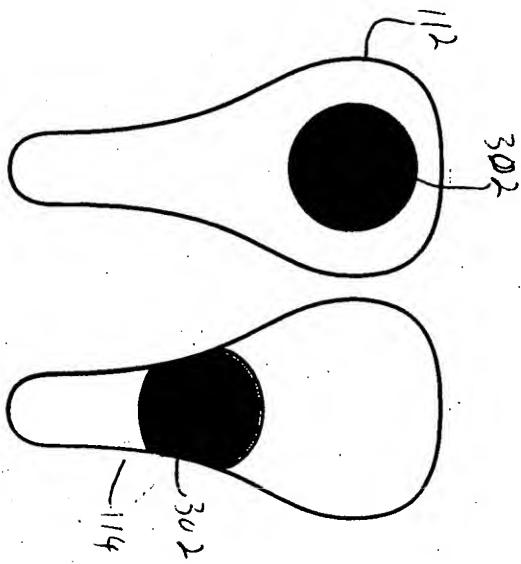


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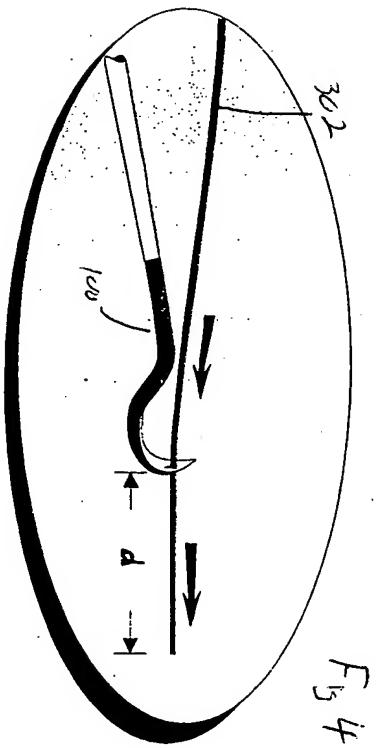


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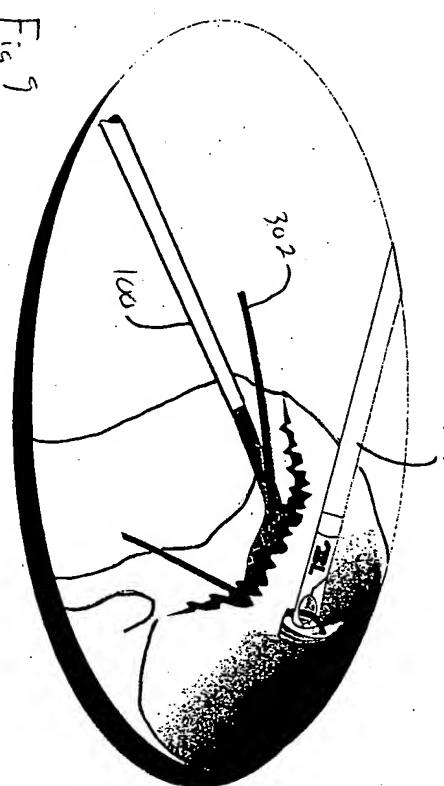


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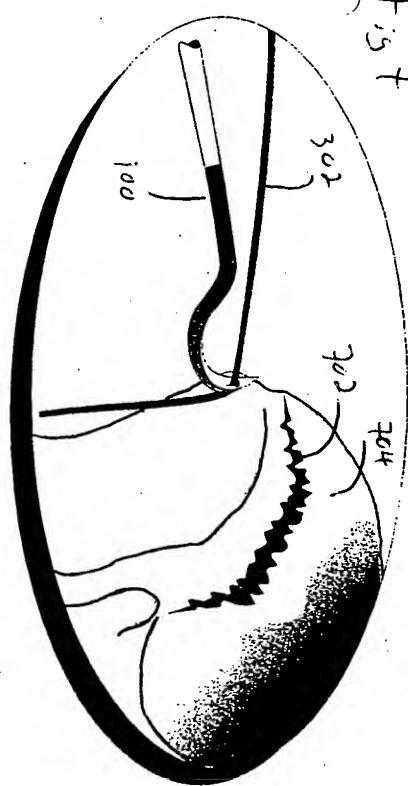


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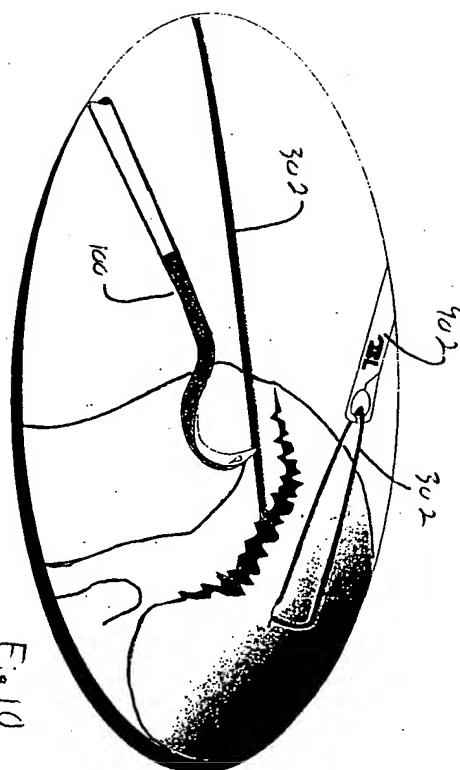
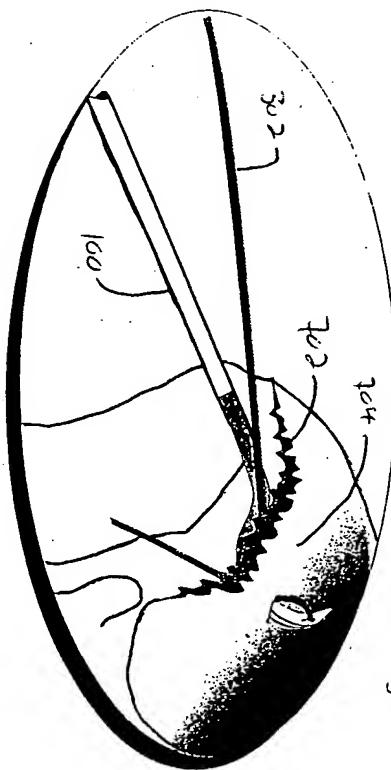
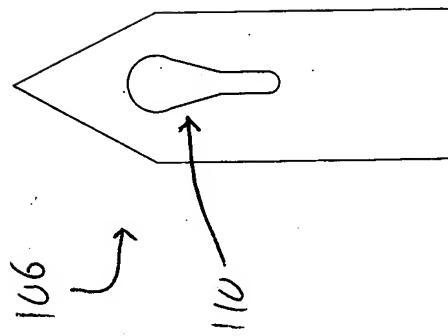


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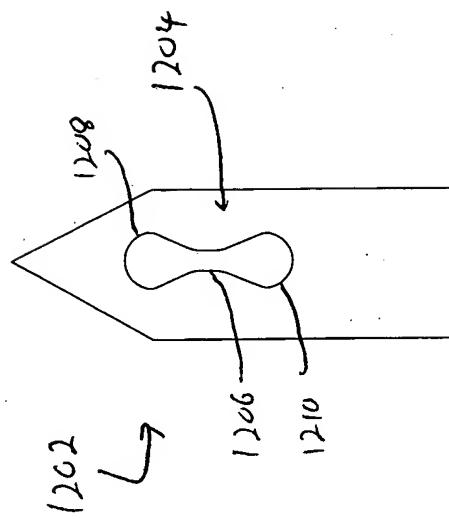


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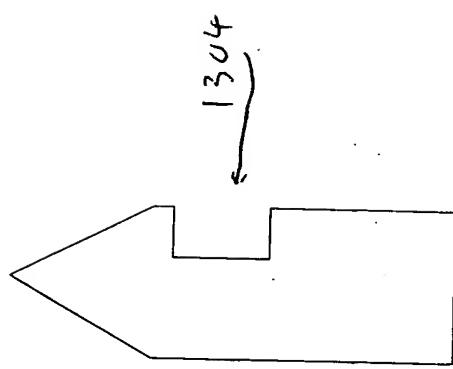
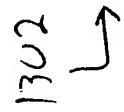


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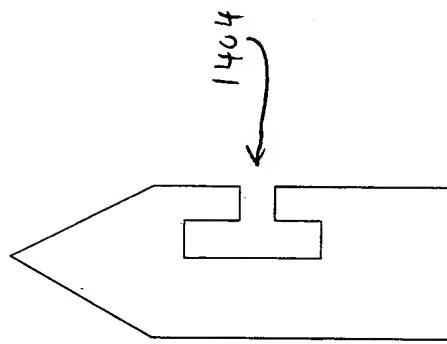


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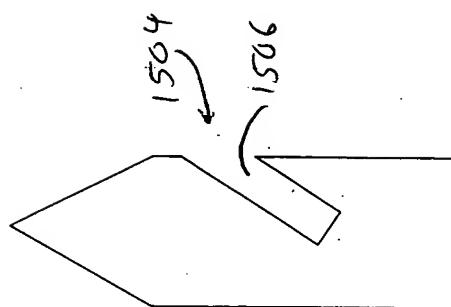


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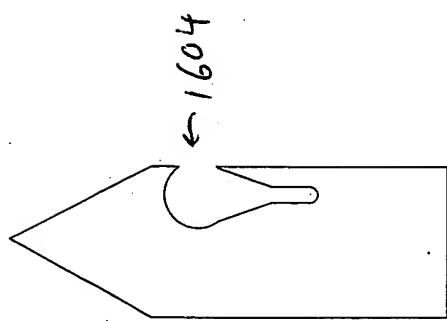


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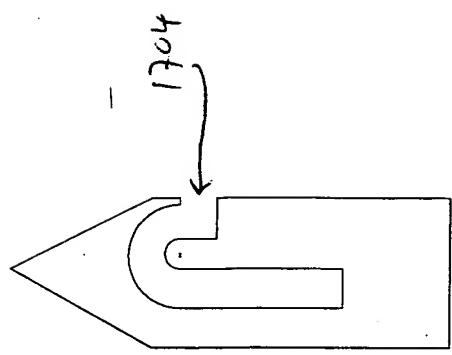
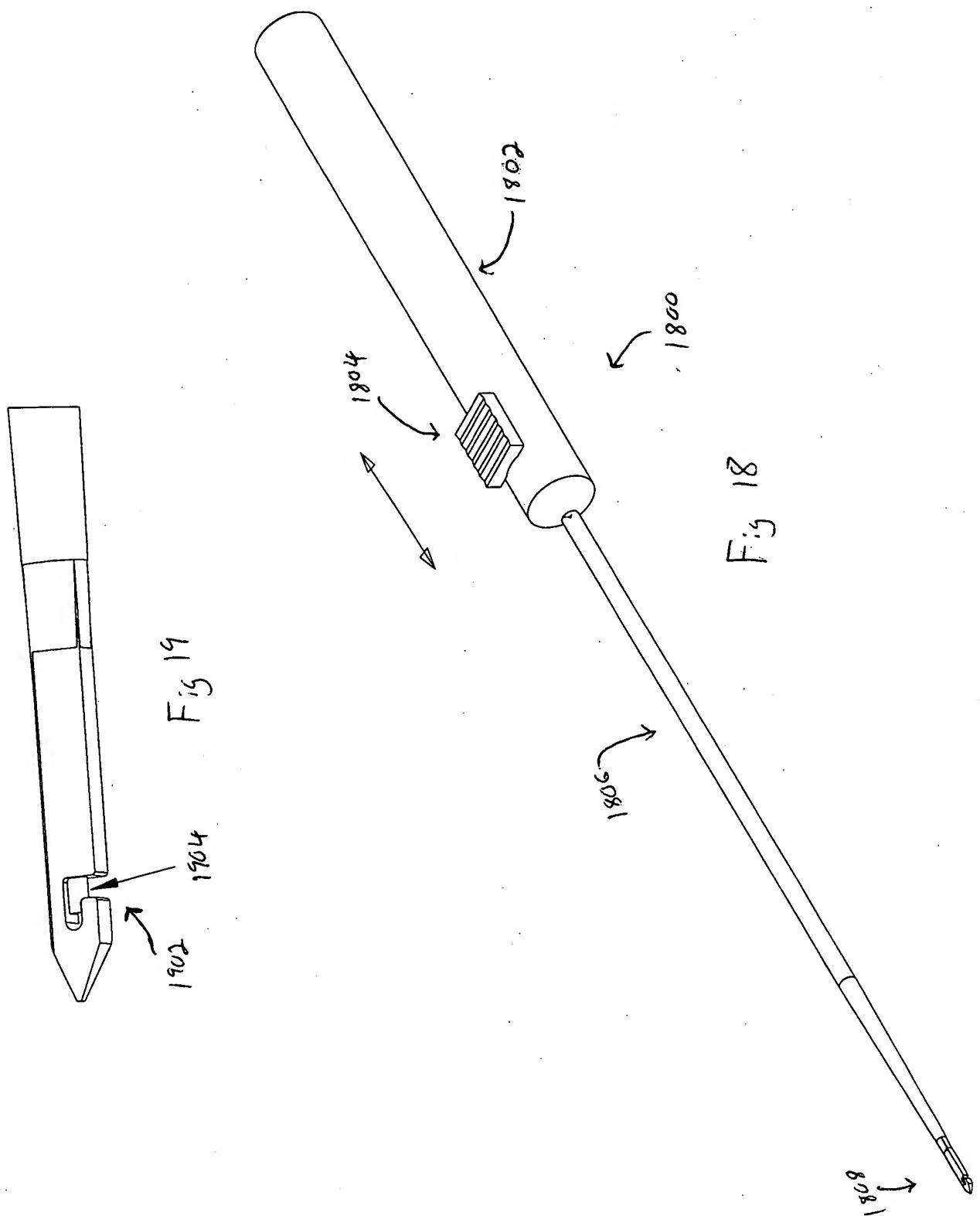


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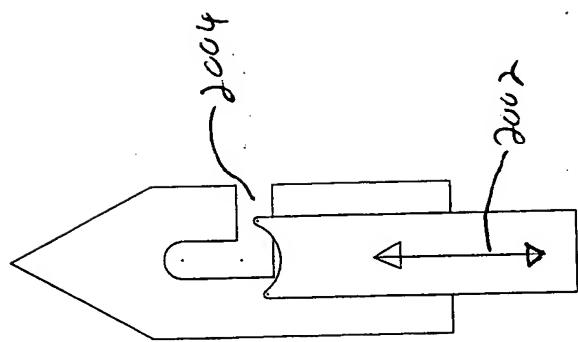


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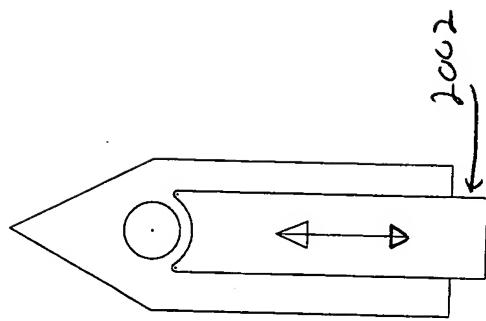


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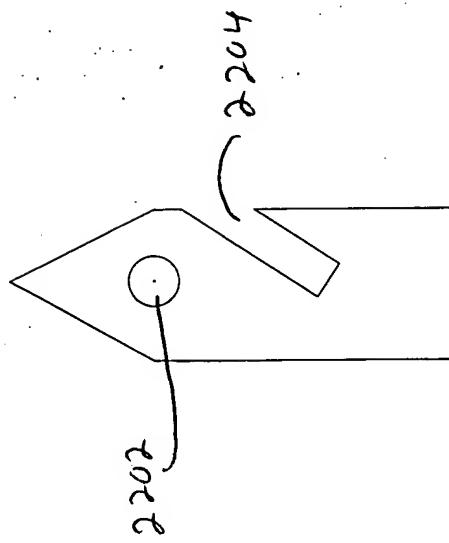


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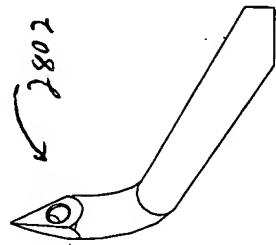
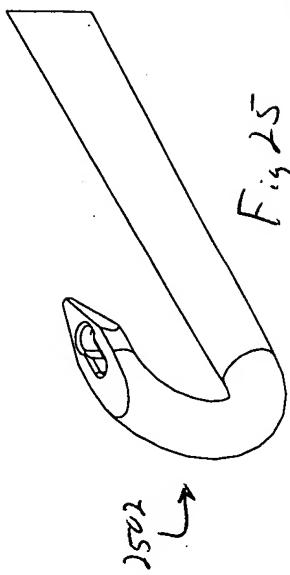


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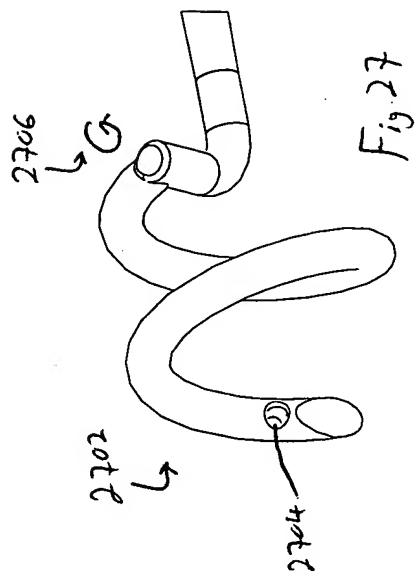
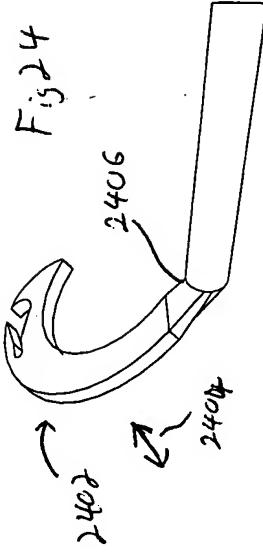


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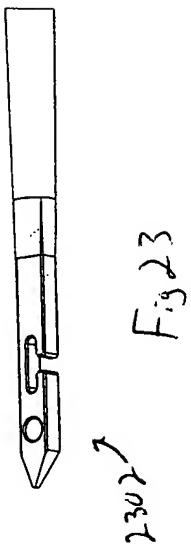


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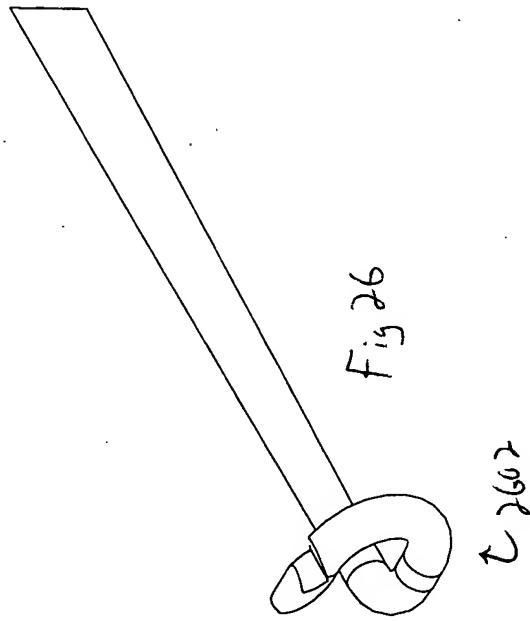


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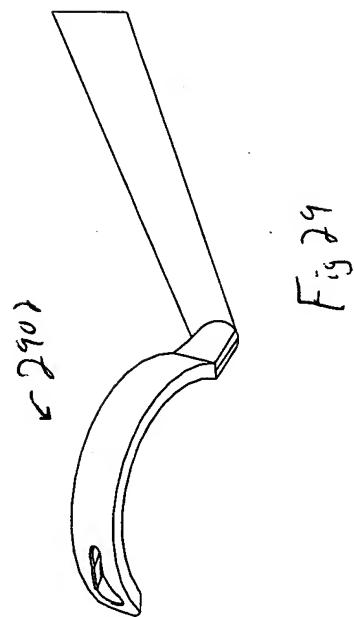
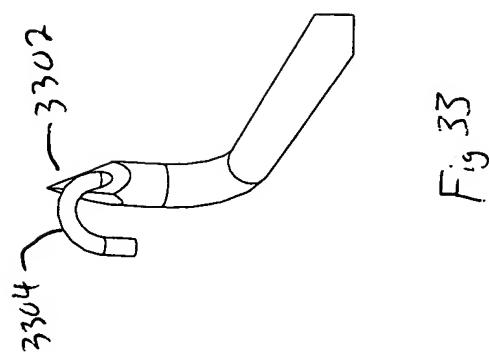
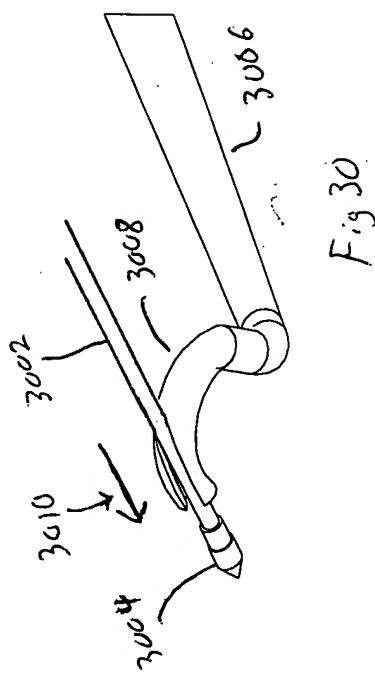
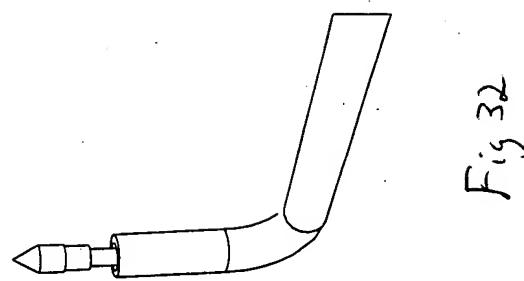
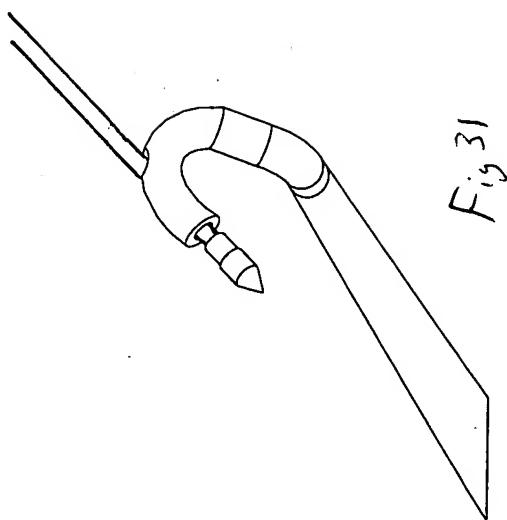


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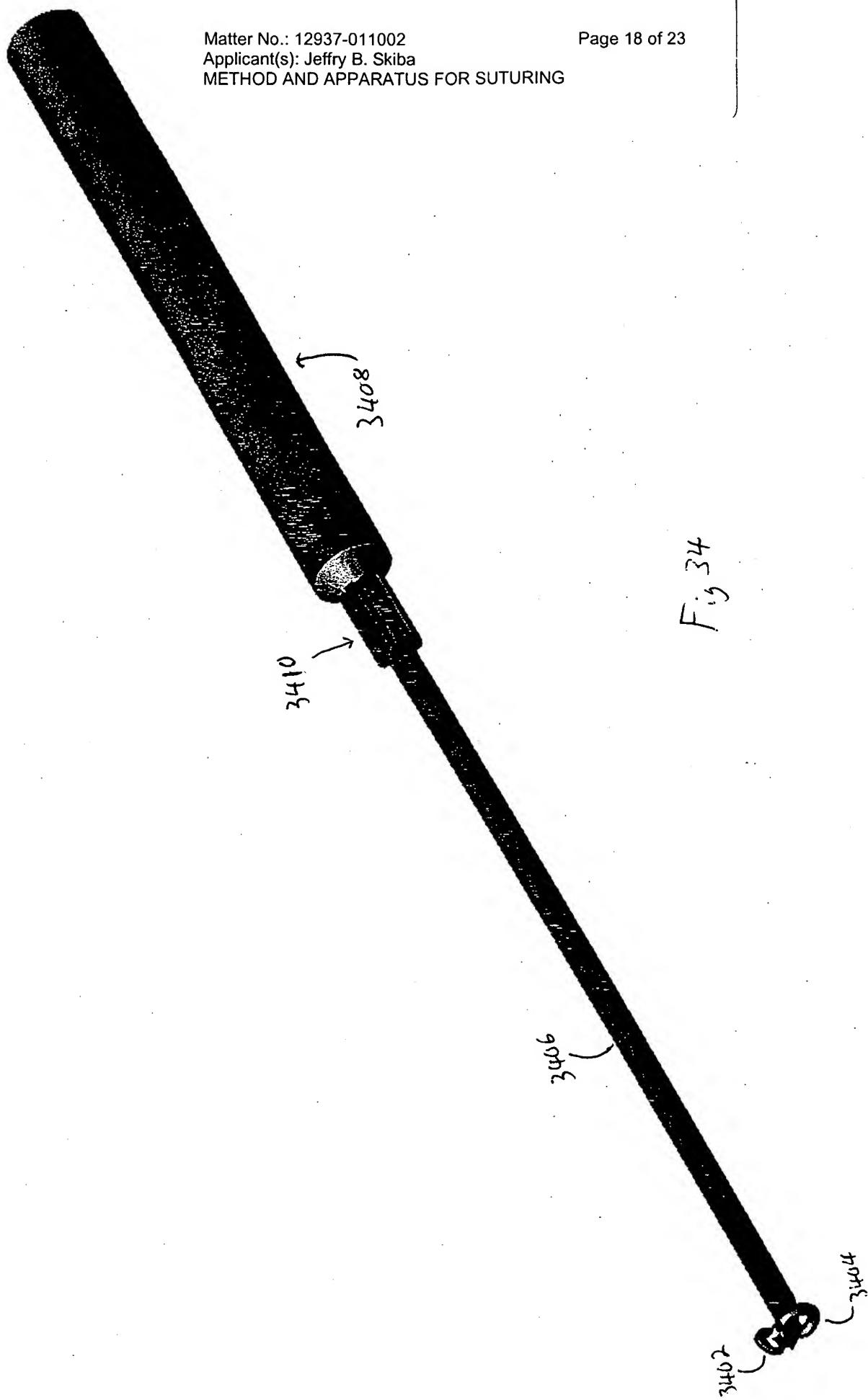


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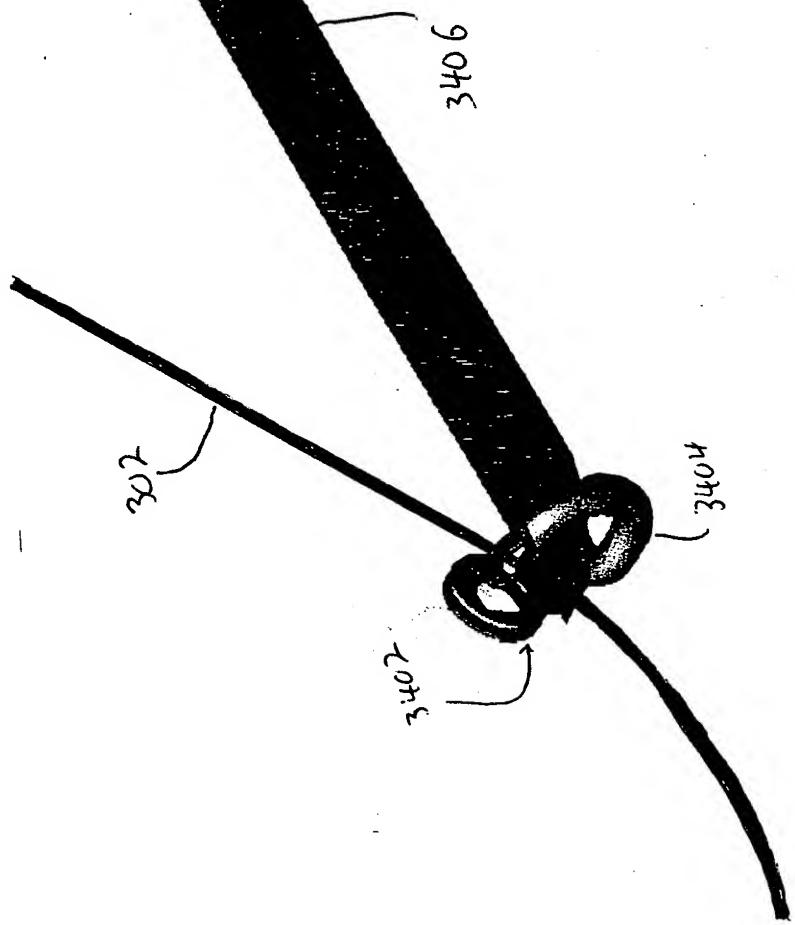
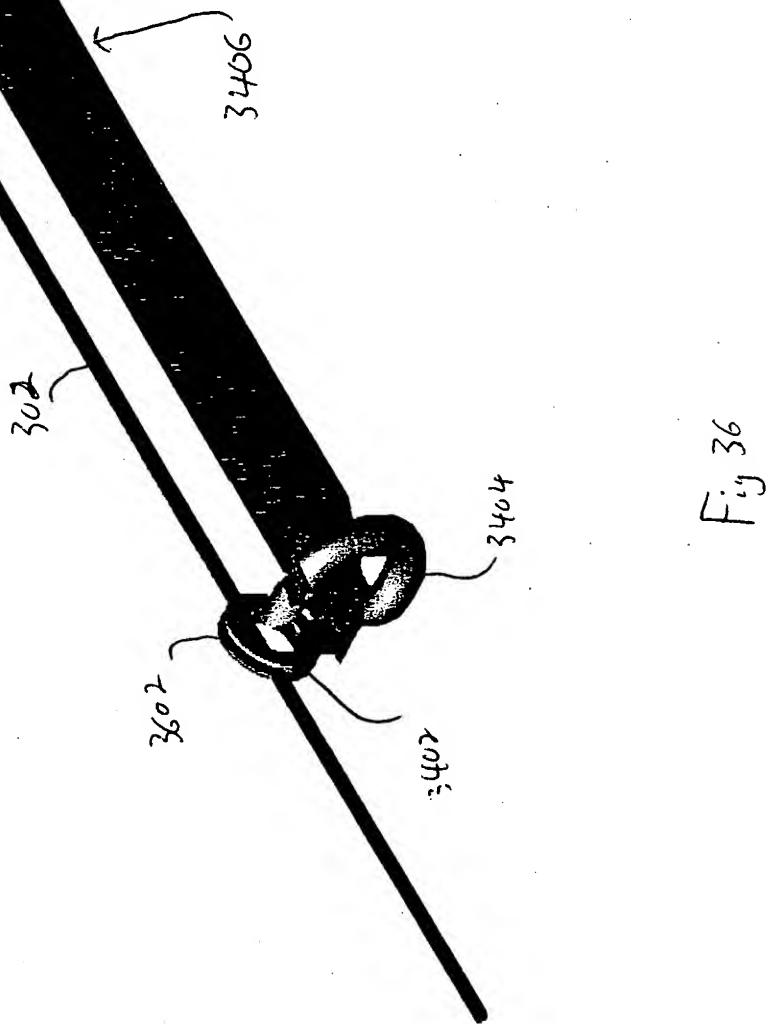
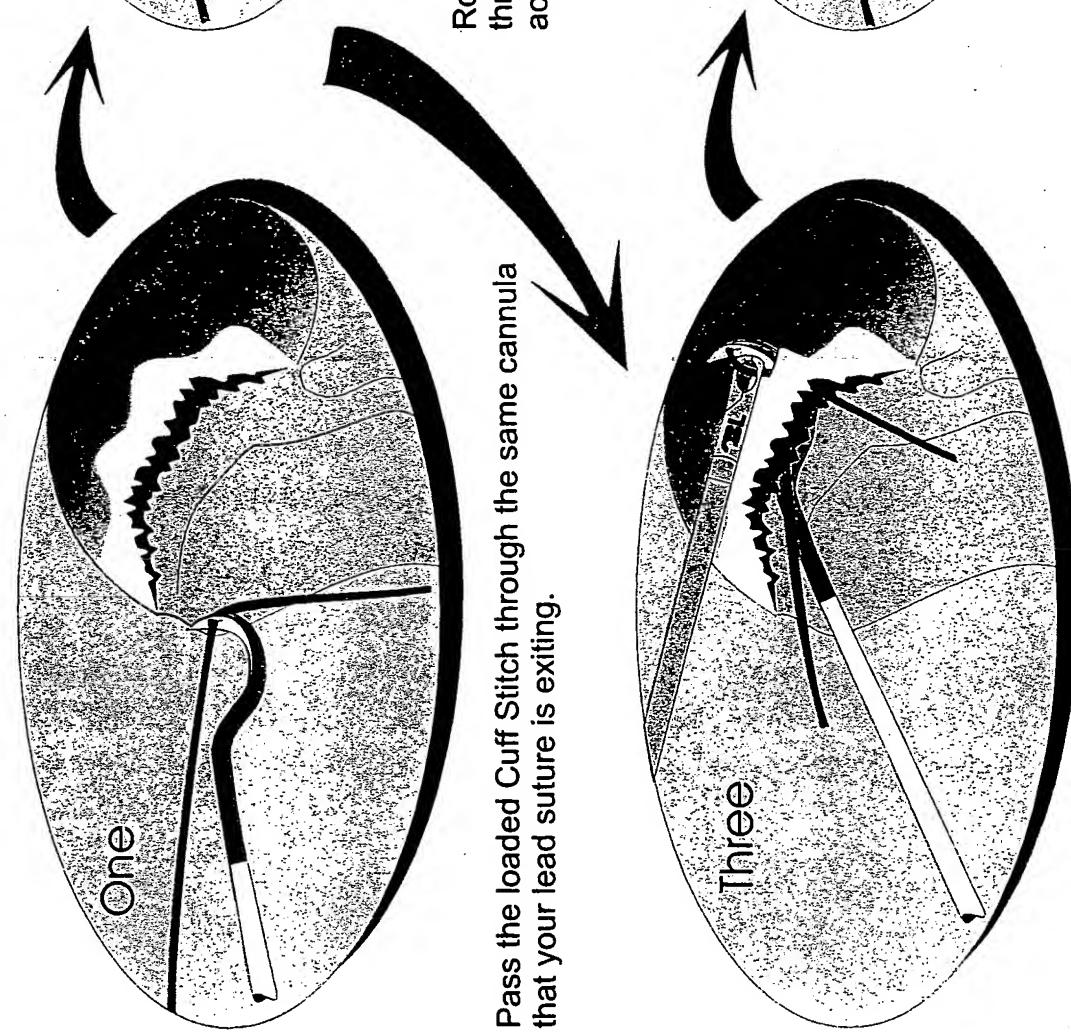
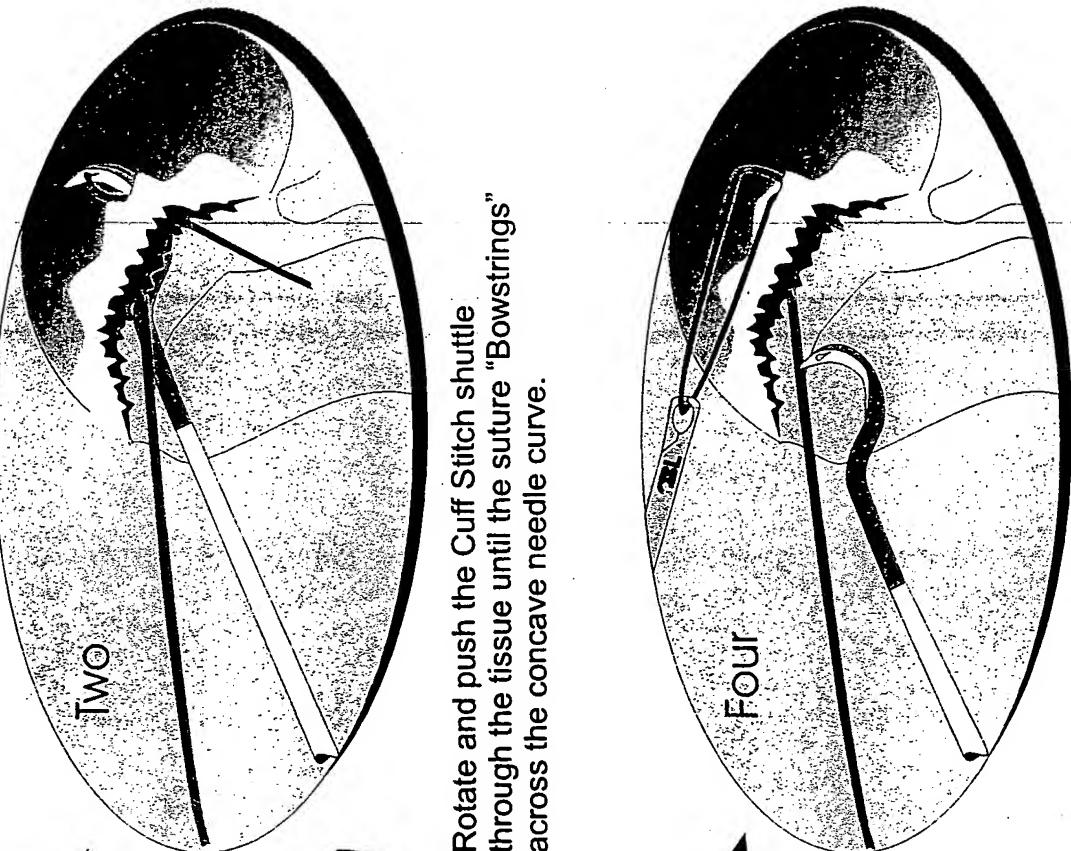


Fig 35



OBL Cuff Stitch™

Suture Passage and Pickup



Simultaneously pull the suture within the grasper out the cannula and remove the Cuff Stitch shuttle from the tissue.

EXHIBIT A

Stitching device with support ring and suture slot (Plate B)



Stitching device with support ring and suture slot (Plate A)

